

**Budget Committee  
Agenda  
September 16, 2020 @ 6:00 PM  
Alton Town Hall  
1 Monument Square  
Front Steps  
Alton, NH 03809**

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Call to order: 1806

Roll Call: Patrick O'Brien, David Hershey, Peter Leavitt, Reuben Wentworth

Approval of Agenda: Motion by P. Obrien to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Hershey, no discussion, Roll Call all were in favor.

Reorganization of Board: Motion by R. Wentworth to appoint P. O'Brien as Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Hershey, no further discussion, Roll Call all in favor, P. O'Brien abstain. Motion by P. O'Brien to appoint D. Hershey as Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Wentworth, no further discussion, all in favor D. Hershey abstain. Discussion was had regarding a recording secretary and schedule conflicts. D Hershey suggested the town look into software that could transcribe meetings for all boards limiting overtime and other issues.

#### New Business

1. Suspend Public Participation Policy  
P. O'Brien moves until further notice to keep our members and staff safe, and to comply with RSA 91-A, the State of Emergency, and Governor's Orders, restrictions on public gatherings, The Town of Alton budget committee move from "in-person" meetings to "remote audio participation meetings". To remotely attend the meeting (audio and video) visit the website: [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) on the day of the meeting for instructions or telephone the Selectmen's Office 603-875-2113 or 603-875-0229. There will be no live public input at this time. Public input should be provided in writing and reviewed at the next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Wentworth, no discussion, roll call vote all in favor.
2. Review YTD Budget  
R. Wentworth provided some overview on the budgets already presented advising of instructions to department heads to not exceed a 5% increase. He advised many departments are well within that but there are a few exceptions including solid waste which has seen a dramatic increase in disposal fees and volume presumably because of the virus. P. Leavitt expressed new challenges with the school however they seem to be in good shape in terms of budget.
3. Budget Process

R Wentworth advised that the select board still needs to review and finalize budgets from the departments which should be happening in the near future at which point they will move on to the BC for review and approval.

Old Business

NONE

Approval of Minutes: Motion to table by P.O'Brien due to not having the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ no further discussion. All in favor.

- January 15, 2020
- February 4, 2020

Other Business (if necessary)

NONE

Adjournment

Motion by P Obrien at 1835 to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Wentworth, no discussion, roll call vote all in favor.

Minutes transcribed by Patrick O'Brien